

Tim Carr, Senior Planner
Land Use Planning Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

July 18, 2023

RE: Maine Audubon's Participation as an "Interested Person" in the Pickett Mountain Mine Rezoning Application (ZP 779A)

Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit Maine Audubon's formal request to participate as an "Interested Person" in Wolfden Mt. Chase LLC's Pickett Mountain Mine Rezoning Application, ZP 779A.

Maine Audubon is the state's oldest and largest wildlife conservation non-profit – we fulfill our mission to “conserve Maine’s wildlife and wildlife habitat” by engaging people of all ages through a science-based approach to education, conservation, and advocacy. Our organization looks forward to providing expertise in regards to both potential and certain impacts that the proposed rezoning application would have on terrestrial and aquatic wildlife and their habitats – including but not limited to: water and soil contamination, toxic impacts to fish and wildlife, habitat loss and connectivity, ground disturbance, light and noise pollution, and more.

As an “Interested Person,” Maine Audubon would be prepared to share oral and written statements, attend and participate in conferences, and submit questions of other participants on issues related to environmental impacts. Additionally, we are interested in introducing documentary, photographic, and real evidence to support our statements whenever possible.

Maine Audubon's Policy Advocate, Francesca Gundrum, would be our primary contact person. She can be reached at (518) 429-9830 and fgundrum@maineaudubon.org.

Please let us know if you require any additional information from Maine Audubon at this time. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Francesca “Ches” Gundrum
Policy Advocate



Sally Stockwell
Director of Conservation